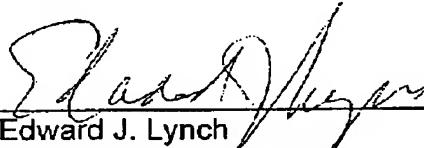


**REMARKS**

Applicant believes that the formality issues have been resolved and that the pending claims are directed to patentable subject matter. Early allowance is requested.

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